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Coal Shortage Affecting New England Industries

Relief Must Come Immediately or Hardship Will Enue—Watchful Waiting in Business—High Money Still Governs

Announcement from Washington that New England would be given the preference in bituminous coal over export trade comes in the nick of time, for industries in the northeastern section are beginning to feel the pinch of coal shortage and exorbitant price. Coal must be rushed to this section immediately as urged by Governor Coolidge, James J. Storrow, David I. Walsh and others, or widespread hardship is bound to ensue.

Must Prepare for Winter Needs

The seriousness of the steam coal situation in New England cannot be overstated. This is the period of the year when receipts should be not only large enough to meet current demands but to stock up for the winter. For the past three years New England has had to suffer because proper preparations were not made in the summer, month, and the warning has been sounded for this winter.

One of the large plants, the General Electric Company at Lynn, had to shut its doors for a few days on account of fuel shortage. Others have been hampered in operations. Municipalities and public utilities also have had to pay as high as \$15 a ton for soft coal compared with \$10 before the war, all because of foreign competition and insufficient preparation.

The mines have been receiving less than 40 per cent of last year's normal number of cars to haul the coal away. It is the situation of the shipping coast in which sufficient vessels to move coal to this section. There can be no increase in production of coal, with no cars or ships to carry it away.

Food Prices at Highest Mark

Food prices continue to soar. With food competing for a part of the total budget of the average working man, the cost of living can be dropped noticeably as well as food prices. The Bureau of Economic Statistics at Washington reports:

Tendency to Mark Time

Indeed, the factory operator of New England has troubles aplenty. With the past month or so there has been a decided tendency to mark time in business transactions. A combination of factors that have been at work for months have suddenly come to a head.

A casual glance at financial cover, for instance, shows that New England is famous for revealing a tendency to mark time. It is not surprising to find that the "peak" has been reached. Prices of leather, for example, have dropped to \$1.50 a foot from \$1.75 six months ago. The shoe and leather industry has suffered, perhaps, the most severe blow of any of the New England industries.

Woolen Mills Are Curtailing

Woolen mills are curtailings. For instance, they are usually quiet for this time of the year. Woolen mills have been forced to curtail operations. Some are working as usual.

WEDDING RINGS NOW ARE IN BIG DEMAND

Never in the history of the jewelry business has there been such a big demand for wedding rings and pendants for school graduates as during the current season, according to a report of one of the largest jewelry concerns in Boston today.

However, there has been an offsetting factor of late, namely, the banks forcing the trade to show up as far as financing wedding capital and turning their demands for credit. The Federal Reserve has considered a relaxation of market conditions generally. He said: "We have been doing a larger business in wedding rings and pendants for school graduates this year than ever before."

"The month of June is a big one for the jewelry trade, being next to Christmas in importance. The Christmas trade held up longer than usual this year."

"But about two weeks ago the banks began restricting credit to jewelry dealers. This has been a serious blow to the jewelry trade."

As a result there is little buying from wholesalers and manufacturers. We are cutting down on stock so as to increase our working capital and reduce our demands for credit. The jewelry trade has absorbed much more than usual in bank loans, because of the tremendous rise in prices."

Money Situation Still Governs

The money situation has been a governing factor for several months. Indeed, prices seem the need for larger capital.

At the present time, however, the money situation is still governing. The Federal Reserve Board is still in the saddle.

FISH INDUSTRY NEEDS CAPITAL

Dealers Say More Efficient Means of Handling Necessary to Meet Supply Demand

An appeal for further development of the fishing industry for which New England is famous, is being made not only by the Bureau of Fisheries of the United States Department of Commerce, but by men actually in the line of the industry. They desire that the catching and marketing of fish be more efficient and that the industry be more organized.

Fish dealers along the South Boston wharves, with very limited capital and without experience in business handling and merchandising. This food staple, therefore, has not been made available to our island population either regularly or in large quantities.

The Bureau of Fisheries of the United States Department of Commerce, in its report on the fishing industry, states that the industry is in a state of stagnation and that the fisherman is not getting the full benefit of his catch.

It is a pity that the fisherman is not getting the full benefit of his catch. The fisherman is not getting the full benefit of his catch. The fisherman is not getting the full benefit of his catch.

Wool Shipments and Receipts

Wool shipments from Boston, according to the Commercial Bulletin, totaled 81,000,700 pounds, against 62,162,377 pounds for the corresponding period last year. The receipts were 10,237,400 pounds, against 10,272,844 pounds.

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America's Fisheries—An Undeveloped Industry of Great Possibilities

In its rich fisheries the United States possesses an undeveloped natural resource which needs only organization, capital and brains to make it one of the nation's greatest industries. The American fisheries have hitherto been conducted so inefficiently that fish as an important food staple has failed to win the nation-wide popularity and market it deserves. So crude has been the organization of our fisheries, particularly as regards distribution, that fish in sufficient quantities and of good quality has been unavailable regularly by much of our island population. The U. S. Bureau of Fisheries states that there is a huge unsatisfied demand for fish, especially in the Middle West and South. An enormously rich field awaits the wide-awake concern which enters the fish industry properly organized and equipped. England, where twenty-five years ago the fisheries were in as chaotic a state as here now, has prospered and is prospering. The fisheries then in the American belt industry. The American belt supply is decreasing, and the consumption of fish will constantly grow. The problems of banding and distribution, and the progress of the industry, are being solved. The industry is being developed. The industry is being developed. The industry is being developed.

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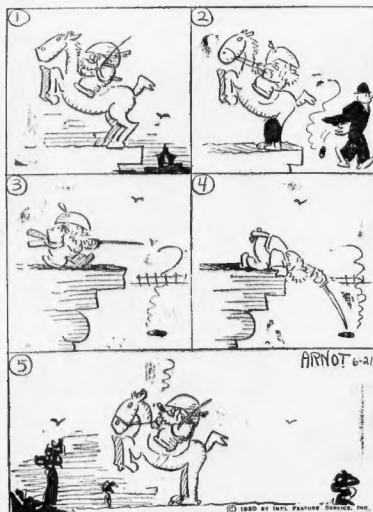
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THEN THE FUN BEGAN



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BEAR MR. KABIBBLE

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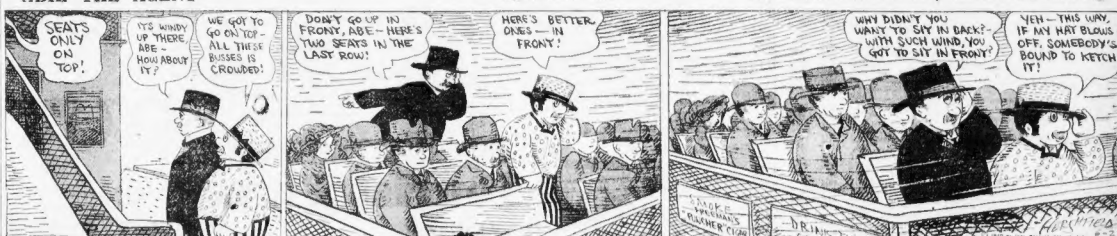
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By George Herriman



MEASURES THAT WOULD CURE MOST OF THE TROUBLES AND TENDENCIES WHICH DISTRESS AND ALARM US TODAY

- (1) To nominate for the Presidency by direct nomination and to elect by popular vote.
- (2) To elect the Cabinet officers and make them responsible to Congress.
- (3) To deprive the President of the power of patronage; to put all public offices as nearly as possible under Civil Service, and have appointments made by a committee of Congress.
- (4) To elect Federal Judges, including the Supreme Court Justices, by popular vote.
- (5) To apply the Initiative, the Referendum and the Recall to national matters.

James Mullins

Model Citizen, an Honor to Two Countries.

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In Wooster, Ohio, last Friday, James Mullins was buried. His name is known throughout his State, and in many States, where high character and admirable example are esteemed.

Born in Ireland ninety-six years ago, James Mullins came to this country a young man, bringing with him only education, good character and ambition.

As an engineer he helped to build the railroads of Ohio. As a coal mine operator he had long since retired. He possessed the respect of the public and the affection of his workmen.

The esteem in which he was held was shown when a misunderstanding arose between him and his workmen. It was a question as to whether or not agreements had been observed, and Mr. Mullins suggested to the men that the simplest plan would be to get a fair-minded jury, and let the jury decide it. To this the men replied, "We couldn't find anybody in the State to decide anything against you, Mr. Mullins. Everybody would believe you."

So that question, like all others, was settled on a friendly basis.

Every business man in Ohio will testify that James Mullins was the model of what a business man should be. Clergymen and educators that knew him bear tribute to the admirable example that his private and public life put before the community.

He was a just man, generous, temperate, enterprising, an admirable product of the country whence he came, more than seventy years ago, and admirably worthy of the opportunities that this nation offers to good men.

His death is a loss to his State, his memory an example, a precious legacy.

Higher Pay Should Not Stop at Courts; Keep Pensions

The Governor recommended an increase in wages for the courts. The American believes that this is sound and just, but ought not to be stopped with the courts. There are other State employees which deserve a readjustment of their wages quite as much as the courts.

The Governor also recommended the abandonment of pensions for the judges hereafter. We do not agree with the Governor about abandoning pensions for the judges. They give up, or ought to give up, a much greater income from private practice than they receive from the public for public service on the bench. Judges who have not been able to earn at the bar more than the judge's salary, generally ought not to be appointed to important judicial positions because they have not sufficiently demonstrated their capacity as lawyers.

We ought to make the courts as attractive to the best men as we can. A good pension is one of the most effective and one of the least expensive ways of making a position attractive. The pension roll for our courts is very small, for the position is attractive itself and men do not like to break off a life's work and retire as soon as they can.

Yet, they ought to be allowed to do so if they want to do it. The great object of our civilization is the pursuit of happiness, the effort to make life attractive, and the possibility of looking forward to an old age of leisure and comfort makes every day brighter even during the active years of a man's life. Old age ought not to be a thing of dread and dependence.

On general principles our judges ought to have pensions. So ought we all to have pensions and be guaranteed against poverty and personal dependence even upon our relatives, for a life well lived is a life spent in public service in which we are all soldiers of peace.

The American Navy Is Now by Far the Most Powerful

Believers in our need of a superior navy will be gratified to learn that by 1923 the effective first line warships of the United States Navy will exceed those of the next most powerful navy, that of Great Britain.

- (1) In tonnage by 34.2 per cent.—1,118,650 American tons to 844,100 British.
- (2) In gun power by 12 per cent.—340 to 314.
- (3) In weight, in pounds, of one main broadside by 21.3 per cent.—548,000 to 452,000.
- (4) In weight, in pounds, of one secondary broadside by 25.2 per cent.—40,158 to 32,080; and
- (5) In combined weight of one broadside by 21.6 per cent.—589,638 to 484,080.

The British navy now excels ours by two first line ships, having thirty-five to our thirty-three; also slightly excels in average speed, hers rating 23.68 knots to our 23.64. But our greater tonnage and gun power lessen this difference.

Great Britain has 350 destroyers, built or building, to our 325; but our destroyers average larger, faster and more modern because they are newer types.

Our naval program insures our future safety on the sea. Having declined to assume the world role of a junior partner in British imperialism, it is fitting that the dominant English-speaking nation should be prepared to stand alone if need be. A small army but a mighty navy should be our national policy.

And He Did



Y^c TOWNE GOSSIP

By K. C. B.

HIS NAME is Harry.
AND HE has a friend.
WHO HAS gone to the country.
AND THEY'RE both married.
AND ON a Saturday noon.
HARRY and his wife.
WERE IN Henry's office.
AND HENRY's friend.
AND HENRY said.
TO HARRY's wife.
"I TELL you what let's do.
"YOU AND Harry.
"COME DOWN to the country.
"AND SPEND Sunday.
"THE TRAIN goes at one."
AND THEY both protested.
THEY COULDN'T go.
WITHOUT GOING home.
AND GETTING some things.
AND HENRY said.
THEY COULD bar tooth brushes.
AND OUTSIDE of that.
WHATEVER THEY needed.
THEY'D LOAN them to them.
AND SO they went.
AND ALONG about three.
THEY ARRIVED in the country.
WHERE HENRY lived.
AND HENRY's wife.
HAD GONE to a neighbors.
AND HARRY and his wife.
WERE GIVEN Henry's room.
AND HENRY loaned Harry.
AN OUTING shirt.
AND THEN went to the village.
TO GET some things.
AND WHILE Henry was gone.
HIS WIFE came home.
AND SHE heard somebody.
IN HENRY's room.
AND SHE opened the door.

Letters to the Editor

National Anthem

Editor Boston American:
Why is it that at most all gatherings, passing as patriotic, our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," is no longer heard, and is superseded by a sectional song, "America," with its air of "God Save the King"? What sinister force is behind this? British propaganda, certainly—the same that is behind the falsifying and distorting of our American history in the school books of today. Cannot Mr. Hearst, with his chair of Real American papers, do something to warn the people of this treachery to which they are made a party? "The Star Spangled Banner" is our national anthem, and American citizens should not be compelled to stand up or doff their hats when the tune of "God Save the King" is played under the guise of "America."
"BUNKER HILL DAY."

Lunch Room Workers

Editor Boston American:
Your paper did nobly for the postal workers in helping to increase their pay. Please give the restaurant and lunch room workers a little consideration. They are among the most important and the poorest paid of any workers in the city. The millionaire owners of these places are using them like slaves, and the public does not care because all they want is to get fed.
AUGUSTUS WHITE, Somerville.

Wants Walsh

Editor Boston American:
Just been reading comments on Harding's nomination. Supporters that democrat put up a real progressive is a good one. Here's another. Nominate a Bay State man, a real progressive, David I. Walsh. Can't beat him. You always know where to find him. Can't pick a better one. What say? We'll show him. Shut the ball rolling. REAL DEMOCRAT.

STARS AND STRIPES

Norman Hapgood assumes that eventually the State Department will be cleared of its reactionary propaganda by business. It eventually, why not now?

Invading Persia to open trading in London is what might be called the Soviet squeeze play.

A Senate committee will spend the Summer studying housing. It is a delightful problem—if you're satisfactorily housed.

Trying to win the Vice-Presidency on the candidate they fear is a money manœuvre of the houses. It is an old trick that ought to be retired on a pension.

The cost of being an "also ran" these days shows the usual inflation.

Love may laugh at locksmiths, but the grocer is able to make it do some squaring.

Woodrow Wilson is about the

only man left who is still infuriated with his Versailles job trick.

The new regime in Mexico to lavish with promises of good neighborliness, but actions always speak more convincingly than words.

It is patriotic enterprise for Big Business to make huge excess profits, but very sorrowful for a dollar-a-day doughboy to ask a small bonus.

Will White of Kansas has written a piece telling what's the matter with politics. The matter is that until the people show clearly that they want they won't get it.

A woman can do almost anything with a hairpin except defend herself against a mouse.

The Mexican custom of campaigning with rifles is at least more courageous than stuffing ballot boxes or forging returns.

Mr. Hearst Calls for a New Party

The Republican convention straddled on almost everything, but it made one thing distinctly clear, and that is that there is no place for an American citizen of sound, temperate, progressive thought in any party in this country.

Johnson is a safe and sane Progressive to whom no reasonable or honest business interest could properly object.

Johnson had the support of the voters to an extent that made his election, if nominated, an absolute certainty, yet Johnson never had the slightest chance of nomination before that convention.

If Wheeler's nominating speech had been a miracle of stirring and inspiring oratory, there would never have been a response from that convention.

If Johnson had had twice the number of delegates that he had, he never would have been seriously considered by that convention.

If Johnson had come with instructed delegates from a majority of the States of the Union, the money was there in that convention to buy a sufficient number of delegates away from him and make his nomination impossible.

The citizens of North Carolina in the primaries cast five times as many votes for Johnson as they cast for any other candidate and instructed their delegation to vote for Johnson, and not one North Carolina delegate voted for Johnson from the beginning of the convention to the end.

Johnson was foredoomed to defeat in that convention of hide-bound reactionaries and subsidized politicians because he was progressive and because he was popular.

Big money is afraid of a man with a progressive thought, no matter how sound and how universally beneficial that idea may be. Big money is positively opposed to any man who is popular with the people because it feels that its interests are opposed to the interests of the citizens and consequently it distrusts any man who is faithful to his fellow-citizens and in whom those citizens express confidence.

The defeat of Johnson was not a defeat for the man. He was personally liked by nearly everybody.

It was a defeat for the progressive ideas he entertained and for the progressive citizens who placed their cause in his hands.

Any progressive under any circumstances would have been defeated by a convention that jeered Johnson's name and hoisted La Follette's and then sought to disguise itself before the people by hypocritically wrapping round itself the cloak of the dead Roosevelt, a man whom the same sort of a Republican convention had jeered and hissed in the same way four years ago.

And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots.

It was like a desecration of the tomb, for it was obvious enough that the Republican party has no use for any Progressive except a dead Progressive; that it considers a dead Progressive an asset and a live Progressive a liability.

Under such circumstances what are sincere, progressive citizens and honest, courageous, progressive leaders to do?

Are they going to allow themselves to be terrorized by threats or hypnotized by false promises into dull and discreditable inaction? Are they going to sacrifice their deepest convictions, their loyalty to their fellow-citizens and their country for mere regularity in a party which reflects none of their high ideals, and cares for nothing they value but their votes?

If the Progressives are by conscience and conviction opposed to the complete dissolution of this republic by a selfish and sordid money power, how can they vote to perpetuate this corrupt control of politics and government by supporting the party chiefly responsible for it?

The Democratic party offers no refuge for independent, understanding Americans. It has traded its few progressive policies for the promise of a Baruch campaign fund raised from the same predatory interests that control and corrupt the Republican party. It abandons its Americanism and sacrificed its very democracy to become the tool of an autocrat more concerned in magnifying his importance abroad than he is in protecting the welfare of his own people at home. It has nothing to offer but the warning spectacle of the blind leading the blind into the ditch of deserved defeat.

What, then, is left but a new party based on the old proven principles which have made our country great, our people free; an American party to devote itself primarily to the greatest good of our own American people; a citizens' party to restrict the money power to its proper sphere and to preserve our democratic institutions, our republican form of government; a constitutional party to maintain our liberties, to restore respect for the law, to guarantee the rights of free speech, free publication, free assembly, free opinion and free action within the limits of law which our Constitution specially provides; an independence party which believes in the political independence of the subject peoples of other lands for whose freedom we fought?

Glacial delay is dangerous. Immediate action is imperative. Let us assemble in a new Independence Hall, issue a new Declaration of political Independence and consecrate ourselves anew to the human rights and popular liberties this republic was created to conserve.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST.

Once-Overs

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WHAT'S THATS THE USE?

So you are one of the married ones who look on the life companionship as commonplace, and your wife or your husband seems just ordinary far from what you think you desire.

Your home is not attractive as you wish it were.

Even your friends do not interest you as they should.

And as for your dear routine you go on to any particular enthusiasm.

It is a humdrum sleep-at-work program.

You cannot indulge yourself in the sort of pastime you wish, and what you can afford does not appeal to you.

You are too foolish to allow yourself to go along this way, for you may travel the road to nowhere so long that you cannot get back, or, having made the turn, the right direction, see what you have wanted.

It is a real something—there is nothing more worthwhile than a real man or woman. Life is not all treadmill unless you make it so by your own indifference.

There is joy on every side of you and it is yours for the taking, and it is pure, wholesome living founded on faith and hope.